The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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A Service of Intercession for all Orthodox Peoples and particularly for the Clergy and Laity of the Serbian Orthodox Church

Sunday, January 28, 1945
4:00 p. m.

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HYMN *The Vesper Hymn of Bortniansky*

Saviour, breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and want we come confessing;
Thou canst save, and thou canst heal.
Though the night be dark and dreary,
Darkness cannot hide from thee;
Thou art he who, never weary,
Watchest where thy people be.

Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrows past us fly,
Angel-guards from thee surround us;
We are safe, if thou art nigh.
Be thou nigh, should death o'ertake us;
Jesus, then our refuge be,
And in Paradise awake us,
There to rest in peace with thee. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Canon Precentor sing the Opening Sentences*

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all earth keep silence before him. *Hab. ii.* 20.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. *Psalm xxvi.* 8.

¶ *Then likewise he shall sing,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen
Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!* *Anglican Chant*

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is, * for brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, * even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
3 Like as the dew of Hermon, * which fell upon the hill of Sion.
4 For there the LORD promised his blessing, * and life for evermore.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS *read by* THE CANON PASTOR

MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS *Anglican Chant*

¶ *Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then, all standing, shall be sung, in old Slavonic, the cry of the Psalmist*

Lord have mercy *Lvovsky*

¶ *During the singing of "Gospodi pomilui," the Canon Sacrist shall conduct the Canon Precentor to the Tribune; at which place the Precentor shall start the ancient*

Litany in time of War

the Choir and People all devoutly standing.

¶ *Minister and People.*

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Minister.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

¶ *Minister and People.*

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Minister.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen
From our enemies defend us, O Christ.
Graciously look upon our afflictions.
With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.
Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.
Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.
Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.
O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
As we put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us to faith in thee, and hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses; Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of thy Saints, and especially of thy servant Saint Sava, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through thy mercy, we, with them, attain to thine eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy word, that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Peter thy servant, King of Yugoslavia, that in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness; grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, in Memory Eternal of fallen Orthodox Soldiers and Civilians, shall be sung this Kontakion,*

Kiev Melody

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy Saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man; and we are mortal formed of the earth and unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain, when thou createdst me, saying, Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. All we go down to the dust and weeping o'er the grave we make our song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy Saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

¶ *Then shall the Precentor sing*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

¶ *Then shall all sing this Hymn*

National Hymn

1 Rise, crowned with light, imperial Salem rise!
Exalt thy towering head and lift thine eyes!
See heaven its sparkling portals wide display,
And break upon thee in a flood of day.

2 See a long race thy spacious courts adorn:
See future sons, and daughters yet unborn,
In crowding ranks on every side arise,
Demanding life, impatient for the skies.

3 See barbarous nations at thy gates attend,
Walk in thy light, and in thy temple bend:
See thy bright altars thronged with prostrate kings,
While every land its joyous tribute brings.

4 The seas shall waste, the skies to smoke decay,
Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt away;
But fixed his word, his saving power remains;
Thy realms shall last, thy own Messiah reigns.

ADDRESS — THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP DIONISIJE
Bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of the United States and Canada

¶ *During the collection of the People's Alms, there shall be sung this*

ANTHEM — *Tschaikowsky*

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord; praise it, O ye servants of the Lord. Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord out of Zion; praised be the Lord, who dwelleth at Jerusalem. Alleluia!

O give thanks unto the God of heaven, for His mercy endureth for ever. Alleluia!

¶ *At the conclusion of this Anthem, the Congregation will stand, and remain standing for the closing part of the Service.*

¶ *After the receiving of the People's Alms,*

THE VERY REVEREND DUSHAN J. SHOUKLETOVICH, Archpriest
Dean of the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of "St. Sava," New York

shall sing this Prayer.

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Choir shall then respond with*

THE SERBIAN KYRIE — *Traditional*

THE BLESSING — THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP DIONISIJE